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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF**  
**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Document A1 relates to a network system.

An English translation of the Japanese document is not readily available; however, an English language abstract has been provided herewith. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

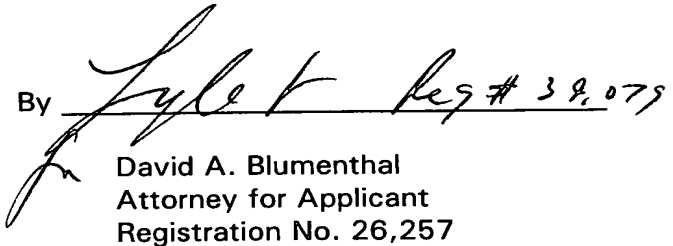
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance

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